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The following foreign patent references are relevant given that they are included in the search report for corresponding International Application PCT/JP2005/005874: JP 11-20059, filed January 26, 1999, JP 2003-326609, filed November 19, 2003, JP 2003-105975, filed April 9, 2003, JP 2001-181954, filed July 3, 2001, JP 1-306664, filed December 11, 1989, and JP 60-59121, filed April 5, 1985.

International PCT Patent Publication WO 00/21742 is provided in Japanese. Applicants are not in possession of a complete English translation of this reference. The relevance of this reference can be found in the English translation of the abstract and the title of this reference, "Reinforcing Fiber Base for Composite Material."

Japanese Patent Publication JP 2003-301346 is provided in Japanese. Applicants are not in possession of a complete English translation of this reference. The relevance of this reference can be found in the English translation of the abstract and the title of this reference, "Mesh Sheet for Civil Engineering."

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